



Back down again

Wycombe Reserves 1,
Hillingdon Reserves 3

FOLLOWING their sudden surge up the Suburban League North Division table, Wycombe Wanderers Reserves find themselves slipping back down it.

They suffered their second successive defeat on Saturday when they went down 3-1 to Hillingdon Borough Reserves at Loakes Park despite the presence of new signing Marshall. Hillingdon were 2-0 up with 18 minutes gone; both goals coming from shots aimed over the head of goalkeeper Chris Way.

Just four minutes after the break Hillingdon made it 3-0. In the 67th minute Andy Hunt scored Wycombe's solitary goal.

WYCOMBE: C. Way, S. Dexter, T. Lee, A. Vicous, M. Richardson, P. West, N. Shrimpton, K. Stansbridge, K. Wilson, A. Hunt, G. Marshall. Sub: G. Collier (not used).

SUBURBAN LEAGUE NORTH DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Harrow	20	16	6	1	63	20	35
Staines	22	15	2	5	55	14	32
Farnborough	20	12	5	3	48	24	29
Slough	19	12	4	3	50	12	28
Wycombe	22	12	3	7	51	29	27
Hounslow	19	11	5	3	35	21	27
Weststone	20	11	3	6	41	24	25
Hillingdon	21	11	3	7	43	29	25
Feltham	22	10	4	8	36	35	24
Wembley	21	9	5	7	39	32	23
Chertsey	21	10	2	9	36	56	22
Egham	25	4	8	13	35	68	16
Fleet	23	6	3	15	31	59	15
Southall	22	4	5	13	21	46	13
Addlestone	20	4	3	13	27	26	11
Cambridge	22	3	2	17	23	85	8
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AFTER SUTTON DISASTER

I could drop the lot says angry Keen

Trophy review by MICHAEL KNOX

MIKE Keen, the normally taciturn Wycombe Wanderers manager, issued a strong attack on his team after watching them crash out of the F.A. Trophy to fellow Isthmians League side Sutton United on Saturday.

Taking advantage of some loose Wycombe play, Sutton stormed to a 5-1 victory with goals by Ian Parsons (2), Mickey Joyce, Ray Sunnocks and Graham Dennis. Howard Kennedy replied from the penalty spot for the losers.

After watching his team's poor display Mr Keen said: "I can't think of anybody who played well. I could drop all eleven really. Every-

body in the first team squad now comes into the reckoning.

"We fell apart after dominating the first 20 minutes. We just did not seem to compete. It's one of the worst performances since I took over as manager. Nobody came out of it with any credit."

Concerned

Mr Keen was disturbed by the fact that his side seem to 'freeze' on the big occasions. First Bournemouth, then Slough and now Sutton. "We seem to meet the wrong teams at the wrong time," he said.

The manager was also worried that George Borg collected his ninth caution of the season — surely an all time Wycombe record. "He

is very concerned and so am I," said Mr Keen. One more caution and Borg could be in for a long suspension.

Both clearly have in mind what happened to Steve Hardwick, who has been sacked following his sending off at Cheltenham. Wycombe's committee came to that decision last week and a disappointed Hardwick said he was unlikely to appeal.

However the strange fact about this affair is that the club are letting him go for nothing, when he would surely fetch a four figure fee.

The club clearly consider that it would save more by ending his contract now and not paying him, rather than waiting for some offers to come in.

No sooner had he finished one suspension (last Mon-

day) than he starts another one this coming Monday. Following his sending off at Cheltenham he has been banned for a further four weeks.

Wycombe have finally said goodbye to Tony Price, who seems set to join their Trophy conquerors Sutton. Now that he has a job in South London, working as an adviser to the Institute of Fiscal Studies, Price has been looking for a club in that area and Sutton fit the bill.

The talented winger is not cup-tied for the Trophy and so could yet find himself playing at Wembley this season.

With neither Hardwick nor Price to choose from Mr Keen has limited options for tomorrow's Premier Division visit to Carshalton — just one and a half miles from the scene of their latest disaster.

Jimmy Jacobs is unavailable again after getting married and will surely come into mid-field while Keith Mead could return to the defence. Phil Bycroft did not have a particularly bad game at Sutton. But he was out of position for their first goal — because he had just received an accidental elbow in the face.

Burnham's tough task

BURNHAM will be aiming to join Amersham in the semi-final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup when they face Aylesbury United in the third round tomorrow (Saturday).

Amersham overcame Abingdon United, but Athenian League Burnham's chances of doing the same at Aylesbury must be rated as slim. They are at present in the middle of a poor run and only recorded their first win of the year last Saturday by beating lowly Haringey 2-1.

In contrast Aylesbury are on the crest of a wave. They are in fine form in the Southern League Southern Section and last weekend beat Netherfield of the Northern Premier League

2-0 to reach the third round of the FA Trophy for the first time.

They reached this stage of the County Cup by overcoming Wycombe Wanderers 2-1 in a replay.

Amersham's victory against Abingdon United at Spratley's Meadow on Saturday means they repeat their feat of last year by reaching the semi-finals of the competition.

Stewart Brandon and Doug Dumbarton were the toasts of the Amersham club after scoring the goals that sent their team into the draw despite a missed penalty.

But Holmer Green's run came to an end at holders Milton Keynes City, the side who last season bundled Amersham out of the competition. Andy Longstaff

gave Wycombe league side Holmer a half-time lead against their Southern League opponents, only for Keynes to score twice in the last 20 minutes.

Repeat

In the semi-final draw made at the Crest Hotel, Maidenhead on Wednesday evening, Amersham were given a chance to avenge their defeat in last year's competition when they once again travel to Milton Keynes City.

The other tie places Slough at home to either Aylesbury or Burnham. This leaves the possibility of a repeat of last season's final when Milton Keynes beat Aylesbury.

Amersham's tie will be played on March 21.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	28	16	9	3	44	23	57
Wycombe	31	16	7	8	55	38	55
Enfield	30	15	8	7	58	35	53
Harrow	31	15	7	9	48	32	52
Sutton	29	14	9	6	54	40	51
Bromley	31	13	8	10	51	49	47
Dagenham	31	12	9	10	57	50	45
Leytonstone	28	12	7	9	49	40	43
Dulwich	30	11	10	9	47	41	43
Hayes	30	13	4	13	29	36	43
Barking	36	11	11	14	49	59	42*
Staines	31	11	7	13	41	43	40
Carshalton	29	11	3	15	40	56	36
Tooting	32	10	5	17	33	42	35
Boreham Wd	30	9	8	13	38	49	35
Walthamstow	29	10	4	15	31	45	34
Woking	32	10	4	18	34	51	34
Leatherhead	32	7	12	13	23	37	33
Croydon	27	6	14	7	25	24	32
Harlow	28	7	11	10	33	41	32
Hendon	29	8	7	14	36	48	31
Hitchin	26	7	8	11	34	34	29

*2 points deducted.